

2. ☒ Cancel original claims 7-40 without prejudice of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
3. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS: 6 -20	0	x	\$18.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 3 -3	0	x	\$84.00	0.00
			BASIC FILING FEE:	\$740.00
			TOTAL FILING FEE:	740.00

☐ Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

4. ☒ Payment of fees:
☒ Attached is a check in the amount of 740.00
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
5. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.
6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This application is a Continuation of application Serial No. 09/863,086, filed May 22, 2001, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/312,520, filed May 14, 1999, which is a Continuation of application Serial No. 08/635,761, filed April 22, 1996, now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,277,577 which is a Continuation of application Serial No. 08/412,614, filed March 29, 1995, now issued U.S. Patent No. 5,536,638, which is a File Wrapper Continuation of application Serial No. 07/965,394, filed December 17, 1992, which applications are incorporated herein by reference."
7. ☒ A set of formal drawings (10 sheets) is enclosed.
8. ☒ Priority of application Serial No. 90 401 054.3, filed on April 18, 1990 in Great Britain, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
☒ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. 09/863,086, filed May 22, 2001.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to N.V. Innogenetics S.A. located at Belgium.
10. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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11. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
- ☐ Fee for excess claims is attached.
12. ☐ A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until . A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.
13. ☐ The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:
14. ☐ A Nonpublication Request under 37 CFR 1.213(a) is enclosed.
15. ☒ Also Enclosed: COMMUNICATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.821(e)
16. ☒ Also Enclosed: COMMUNICATION RE: SEQUENCE LISTING
17. ☒ Address all future communications to the **Attention of Rebecca A. Bortolotti** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.
18. ☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

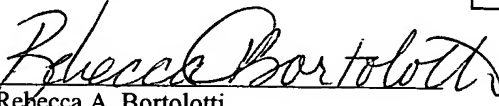
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